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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2021:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45′ N lat, 131°18.90′ W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.04′ N lat, 131°25.17′ W long to Point Davison Light at 54°59.64′ N lat, 131°36.84′ W long, then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed south of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15′ N lat, 130°59.10′ W long to Slate Island Light at 55°05.29′ N lat, 131°03.17′ W long, east of a line from Slate Island Light to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42′ N lat, 131°03.59′ W long, and north of a line from Black Rock Light to a point on the mainland shore at 55°01.40′ N lat, 131°00.20′ W long.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2021:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73′ N lat with the following restrictions:

Kendrick Bay: will be closed west of 131°59.00′ W long;

McLean Arm: will be closed west of 131°57.80′ W long;

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2021:

District 4: will be open.

District 7

Section 7-A: will be closed.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2021:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat, 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1 nmi south of Point Augusta Light).

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (THA) must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 31, 2021.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

As described in April Advisory Announcements, the Kendrick Bay THA closed to common property harvest Sunday, July 11, through Saturday, July 24, and the Anita Bay THA closed at 12:00 noon, Monday, July 12, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 12, 2021, so that cost recovery fishing can take place. There is no scheduled cost recovery for the Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs.

To date, only 295 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of 2,600 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and will take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday**, **July 16**, **2021**.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S2821.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates

Statistical Week 29

Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 13, 2021

| | | NUMBERS (| | | | | |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| Area | Chinook | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | Boats |
| District 1 | 0 | 600 | 500 | 105,000 | 3,500 | 109,600 | 27 |
| District 2 | 0 | 650 | 650 | 6,500 | 18,000 | 25,800 | 16 |
| District 4 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 100,000 | 15,500 | 125,500 | 37 |
| District 7 | 0 | 240 | 10 | 35,000 | 5,700 | 40,950 | 22 |
| Point Augusta | 0 | 600 | 100 | 52,000 | 3,000 | 55,700 | 14 |

6,260

298,500

45,700

301,850

116

FISH PER BOAT Area Chinook Sockeye Coho Pink Chum **Total** District 1 0 22 19 3,889 130 4,059 District 2 0 41 41 406 1,125 1,613 District 4 0 135 135 2,703 419 3,392 District 7 0 0 11 1,591 259 1,861 7 Point Augusta 0 43 3,714 214 3,979

6,490

Thomas Bay THA: Confidential.

Total

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 900 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 2,000 Chinook and 550 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 8,500 chum salmon.

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Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,500 Chinook and 48,800 chum salmon.

At the Point Augusta Index Area, the harvest of pink salmon was 151% of the 10-yr average and 101% of the recent odd-yr average. The harvest of chum salmon was 57% of the 10-yr average.

Advisory Announcement web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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